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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 REGINALD BLOUNT,

11 Plaintiff,

No. 2:12-cv-2983 CKD P

12 vs.

13 CDCR,

14 Defendant.

ORDER

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16 Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed a civil rights action pursuant  
17 to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, together with a request to proceed in forma pauperis. The federal venue  
18 statute provides that a civil action “may be brought in (1) a judicial district in which any  
19 defendant resides, if all defendants are residents of the State in which the district is located, (2) a  
20 judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim  
21 occurred, or a substantial part of property that is the subject of the action is situated, or (3) if  
22 there is no district in which an action may otherwise be brought as provided in this action, any  
23 judicial district in which any defendant is subject to the court’s personal jurisdiction with respect  
24 to such action.” 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

25 In this case, the claim arose in San Bernardino County, which is in the Central  
26 District of California. Therefore, plaintiff’s claim should have been filed in the United States

1 District Court for the Central District of California. In the interest of justice, a federal court may  
2 transfer a complaint filed in the wrong district to the correct district. See 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a);  
3 Starnes v. McGuire, 512 F.2d 918, 932 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

4 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is transferred to the  
5 United States District Court for the Central District of California.

6 Dated: December 13, 2012

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8 CAROLYN K. DELANEY  
9 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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